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For	: NONVOLATILE MEMORY DEVICE EMPLOYING A WRITE COMPLETION FLAG TABLE (As Amended)	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the outstanding Office Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is set in the Office Action to expire on May 18, 2009, this response is being filed in a timely manner and no additional fee or extension of time is deemed necessary. Should any extension of time or fees be required to maintain pendency of the application, however, the same is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.